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(b) the number that was called for interview; and

(c) the number that was finally selected for admission?

A.—(a) 1,073.

(b) 395.

(c) 40.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" With reference to clause (b), may I know whether the number ' 395 ' indicates the number that came for interview or the number that was called for interview? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I want notice."

Local Self-Government

Notice by the Collector of Guntur to the nominated councillors of the Chirala Municipality.

* 375 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been called to the following notice issued by the Collector of Guntur on the 29th June to certain nominated councillors of the Chirala Municipal Council:—

" When the proposal to present an address at a cost of Rs. 50 to Mr. Subash Chandra Bose of Bengal on the 1st proximo was put to vote on 27th June 1931 you left the Council saying that you will be ill-treated by the volunteers if you voted against it.

" Please explain before 5th July 1931 why Government may not be moved to take necessary action against you."

(b) on what authority and under what provision of law the Collector issued this notice;

(c) what is the nature of the ' action ' which the Collector proposed to take; and

(d) what was the information on which the Collector acted and whether that information has been proved to be false; if so, what action has been taken against the informant?

A.—(a) Government have ascertained that the Collector of Guntur issued the notice in question to two nominated councillors on 29th June 1931.

(b) There was a clique in the Chirala Municipal Council bent upon embarrassing the Municipal Chairman and Vice-Chairman in every possible manner. The Collector considered that nominated councillors should render support to the loyal elements in the Council. It was on this principle and not under any formal provision of law that the Collector interfered in this case.

(c) The Collector wanted to inform Government of any possible disloyal activities of the persons nominated by them.

(d) The Collector acted on the information which he got to the effect that certain nominated councillors left the hall when the question of voting an address to Mr. Subash Chandra Bose was put stating that they would be ill-treated by volunteers if they voted against it and he states that he found the information to be true. There is, therefore, no question of taking action against anybody for furnishing false information.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government has authorized the Collector of Guntur to issue the notice which he did? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" No, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if he has since repudiated that order? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" There is no need to do so."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if other Collectors will be empowered to issue notices of this sort? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I see no need for it also, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Having regard to the fact that one Collector did issue such instructions, has the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government not thought it necessary to issue a circular to other Collectors not to interfere with the independence or discretion of the nominated members? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I do not think such a circular is necessary, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister if the Government approve the action taken by the Collector? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" It depends on the circumstances of each case, Sir. In this particular case there was no need to approve the action or otherwise. The Collector had information on which he acted."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Is the hon. the Minister sure that no other Collector issued a similar notice ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" My question has not been answered, Sir. I asked the hon. the Minister to state if the Government approved of the action taken by the Collector? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" The occasion for approving or disapproving did not arise."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" In this case, did it not arise? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" No."

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Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" What is the opinion of the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" That does not arise."

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" What is the meaning of 'loyal' in (*b*) and of 'disloyal' in (*c*), Sir? Is it loyalty to the municipality or loyalty to any other authority?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" It is used in the sense of loyalty to the chairman and the party conducting the administration."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I know if the nominated members are bound in law to obey the dictates of the chairman?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" They are expected to stand by the chairman in the conduct of administration by him."

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" Before nominating members, is the condition laid down that they should be loyal to the chairman?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" Before nominating any member, the Collector is expected to consult the chairman of the municipal council concerned."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" The Collector is said to have stated thus: 'Please explain before 5th July 1931 why Government may not be moved to take necessary action against you.' May I know what the definite action suggested by the Collector to be taken against these members is?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" No reference was subsequently made by the Collector and therefore we do not know what action he would have suggested."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" What was the intended action that was proposed to be taken by the Collector?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I cannot say."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" May I know if section 144 would be handy in this matter, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" That is a matter of opinion."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" In view of the fact that the Government is not aware of the intentions of the Collector with regard to the action proposed to be taken by him, will the Government make an enquiry?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I do not think there is any need to enquire into this matter."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—" Will the Government remove the nominated members who do not obey the chairman before their term?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" That is merely an academical question."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Having regard to the action of these persons, will the hon. Minister remove them before their normal term would expire? Why did not the Minister remove them before their term expired in view of the desertion they played? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" There is no question of removal in this matter."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Does not the hon. Minister think that the nominated members deserted the chairman? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" It may be the opinion of the hon. Member."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know what the hon. the Minister's opinion is, having regard to the circular issued by the Collector to these nominated members? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" It is not necessary to give it now."

Proposed supersession of the Madura Municipal Council.

* 376 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils sent a report to the Government recommending the supersession of the Madura Municipal Council;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government asked the Municipal Council, Madura, to show cause against the supersession;

(*c*) what the reply of the Municipal Council was and if no reply was sent, whether the Government know why no reply was sent; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay all the papers including the report of the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils on the table of this House?

A.—(*a*) One of the courses discussed by the Inspector was the supersession of the Municipal Council.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) The papers have been placed at the disposal of the Press—vide G.O. No. 2871, L. & M., dated 10th August 1931. A copy of the notification directing the supersession of the Municipal Council has also been laid on the table with reference to section 41 (1) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the report of Inspector of Local Boards will be circulated to Members who ask for it? "